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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, At a particularly critical and sensitive time,
3 James Carlson played an important role in the government
4 oversight and regulation of the Illinois cemetery industry,
5 having admirably served as Assistant Deputy Director of
6 Cemetery Oversight for the State of Illinois and having been
7 formally recognized as an "upstanding leader" by Comptroller
8 Judy Barr Topinka for his "dedication and service to the people
9 of Illinois and the cemetery industry"; and

10 WHEREAS, James Carlson was born in Evergreen Park on June
11 1, 1946; he graduated from Bradley University in Peoria with a
12 degree in economics in 1968; he raised two children in
13 Illinois, Mathew (born in 1974) and Tracey (born in 1975), and
14 married his soul mate, Kathy Carlson, in 1989; and

15 WHEREAS, James Carlson served as a professor of economics
16 at Moraine Valley College; he also served in many capacities
17 within the Illinois cemetery industry, including Executive
18 Vice President of the Chicago Cemetery Corporation, Regional
19 Vice President of the Loewen Group, President of the Cemeteries
20 Association of Greater Chicago, and President of the Illinois
21 Cemetery and Funeral Home Association; and

22 WHEREAS, Prior to becoming a cemetery regulator, James

1 Carlson served as a cemetery consultant, advising Illinois
2 cemeteries on compliance with Illinois laws and operational
3 integrity; he also served as an appointed receiver of Illinois
4 cemeteries under the administrations of Comptrollers Judy Baar
5 Topinka and Daniel Hynes; and

6 WHEREAS, As a recognized cemetery industry leader of great
7 knowledge and integrity, James Carlson was asked to serve the
8 State of Illinois by helping develop and administer the new
9 Cemetery Oversight Act, which he did with honor and
10 accomplishment prior to his retirement in 2013 due to health
11 reasons; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we express our sincere appreciation to James Carlson for his
15 dedicated and effective public service; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to James Carlson, his wife, Kathy, and his children,
18 Mathew and Tracey.